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Presented for filing is a new patent application of:

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Title: Patches and Collars for Medical Applications and Methods of Use

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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- Request for non-publication under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- Serial Number Postcard

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This application claims priority from U.S. Patent Application Number 10/183,396 filed on June 28, 2002, and titled *Patches and Collars for Medical Applications and Methods of Use*, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference and which claims priority from and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/127,714, filed on

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April 23, 2002, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/286,269, filed April 24, 2001 and titled *Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method*; from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/300,892, filed June 25, 2001 and titled *Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method*, and from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/302,255, filed June 28, 2001 and titled *Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method (Hemostatic Patch or Collar)*, each of which is incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.. The disclosure of the prior applications are considered part of (and incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor Russell A. Houser et al.

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